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Mr. Robert Lubran
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
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5515 Security Lane
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Dear Mr. Lubran,

This letter is written to request that I be allotted approximately 15 minutes to speak at the public hearing on the proposed regulations for opioid drugs in the treatment of narcotic addiction to be held on November 1, 1999. If possible, I would like to be scheduled to speak at approximately 1:30 in the afternoon as I already have a scheduled meeting in the morning.

The area that I intend to speak about involves the regulations and how they will be applied to community based residential detoxification services. Specifically, the guidelines that are proposed appear to be designed to fit methadone maintenance programs as opposed to residential short-term detoxification programs. It will be cost prohibitive to require small methadone detoxification programs to meet the same standards that outpatient maintenance programs are required to meet. Although quality assurance is essential, I believe that methadone detoxification should be viewed separately and the regulations amended to be less restrictive for this purpose.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please contact me regarding the availability of a time slot in which I can speak. I can be reached at 703-934-8747.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peggy Cook".

Peggy Cook, Acting Director
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